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FILE HEADING.

Repairs to "Lakshmi Hara" of Sri Venkataramanaswami at Tirupati, Chittoor Dt.

From

The Mysore Resident in Mysore.

R. C. No. 295 Dated 10-4-20 Received 9-4-20

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Submits for sanction an estimate for Rs 3804 received from the Peishkar & H. H. the Maharaja's Charities at Tirupati for the thorough repairs of the "Lakshmi Hara" presented in 1796-7 by ~~the~~ the Mysore Maharaja and borne on the person of Sri Venkataramanaswami.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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The Harami" in question underwent small repairs costing Rs 103-2-0 in 1915 and the charge was met from the savings at the credit of the Tirupa Charities. (vide G-9-20-702/Mug 113 15-2 & 3-9-15)

It will be seen from the Mys: Resident's note that

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the "Haram" was repaired twice before and the charge was met from the Palace.

3. The estimate now subd is rather a costly ~~heavy~~ one, but the "haram" is proposed to be repaired thoroughly, so that no repairs may be necessary for a long time to come. The charge i.e., Rs 3804 is proposed to be met from the funds of this fund four other temple of the same denomination in the Kolar Distt. These institutions have, each of them, 7 to 8 thousand rupees at their credit (vide statt of balances at credit of Major Muzrai institutions in the Kolar Dt).

4. Subd with a draft sanctioning the estimate, for approval or other orders -

SD
14.4.20 BM

14/4/20

A grant of State funds will be more appropriate ~~for~~ than the proposed. Appropriation of the funds of other Temples - which have no connection whatever with Tirupathi except in the nomenclature of the presiding deity.

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Grand Member) W/ 15/4/20

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The idea of takeing the Mahant to get the necessary repairs done & to tell the ownership pass over from the State does not commend itself to me in such matters sentiment is a determining factor. As such it seems to me that we should get the repairs done ourselves. As regards the source from which the expenditure is to be met it appears to me that the sum should be found from the general funds of the Nuzvid Estate & not any Institution in particular, albeit the similarity in name.

The Estimate appears to me to be rather high pitched & capable of reduction.

Peel
15-6-20

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Allen 16/4

P.S

As the "Lara" was a presentation from the Palace to the temple, the alienation of the Palace may be inciden to the reported condition of the Idol. It may be that the Palace may like to get it cancelled itself.

Peel
22.4.20.

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BG
20/4/20

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6. I saw the Honble Secretary yesterday. He said that the Muzaffarpur Municipality ought to arrange for the repairs if it could find funds and that otherwise the Temple authorities ought to be left to execute them themselves.

Secd Member) W/30/6/20

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2-7-20

Can funds be found from the Muzaffarpur Dept for the purpose? If the answer is in the negative, the Temple authorities may be informed as above.

Rec'd
3.7.20 W/3/7/20

Reference requested to para 7 of the Muzaffarpur Dept's note (7C.E.) suggesting funds.

Addl 3-7-20

To see.

P.S. The Saurore Municipality Fund was organized last year and an enquiry in the Comptr's Office, I understand that Rs 49400 ~~41800~~ have been invested & that for the last half year, ~~the~~ interest ~~Rs 1400~~ 1002-6-4 is the ~~Rs~~ amount of Rs ~~1486-4-10~~ have accrued to the credit of the Fund.

Vide statement appended H-W

The Aparna school is in part a portion of the income from the

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fund (Interest) is has been granted
assigned – have not been
granted yet –

The Amount required for
the repair of the Intallmentary
may well be spared from the
Re allyation of interest from the
general Min. Welf. Fund –

Secd.
3/8/20

Josey)

Second Member) Mr. Lee Dave.
W.J. 3/8/20

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3-8-20.

Approved
Reed
4.8.20

Draft W.J. 4/8/20

Secd 4/8/20

Subd

An estimate was fr. & subd. R., No 3.,
and it was subsequent
by the Parl'ment 1-8-20. No
estimate.

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x - Yes

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5/8/20

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| | Draft order subd<br>12/8/20 Asstt 12/8/20<br>Secd Member) UJ 14/8/<br>Dont approved<br>Rect.<br>14.8.20 14/17/8/20 |
| 1014-13<br>16-8-20 | |
| 2. | To, Jung Supdt. Comptr & Jung Secy.<br>No. 654-6 dt 19.8.20.<br>Sanctions an estimate for Rs 3174/- for repairs to the Sri Lakshmi Kalam in the Tirupati Temple |

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Re. No: 295
Encls 4 dt. 10-4-20

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OFFICE OF THE
MUZRAI SUPERINTENDENT
IN MYSORE.

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NOTE

SUBJECT :--Repairs to "Lakshmi Hara" of Sri Venkataramanaswami at Tirupati.

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Adverting to Government Proceedings No.702/L.F.113-15-2 dated 3-9-1915 - - sanctioning an estimate for Rs.103-2-0 for repairing the Lakshmihara presented to the Sri Venkataramanaswami at Tirupati, I beg to submit that when I visited Tirupati in November last it was brought to my - - notice that the haram was again broken and that it was absolutely necessary to effect repairs to it on a large scale.

2. With what great sanctity and importance this ornament is held is detailed in my predecessor's letter to Government dated the 25th August 1915. It may be stated here that no puja is performed and no devotee is allowed to visit the deity(Venkataramanaswami) if the Lakshmi hara is not on its person. From the - - available records it is learnt that the Haram was presented GPB—600—17-2-14 to the temple in the year Nala (1796-97) and that repairs to the ornament were executed ~~the jewel~~ at the cost of the Pan

in 1809-10 and 1881. The amount spent on the latter occasion was only Rs.60-8-3. There has thus been no repairs on a large scale practically ever since the presentation of the jewel over a hundred years ago. A few years ago it was thought that it would be preferable to make a new jewel instead of repairing the existing one and with this view two rough estimates for Rs. 7564/- and Rs. 6721-13-9 were got prepared by the Palace Controller Mr. P.Ramakrishna Rao, but the matter was not further pursued somehow.

3. The Peshkar now reports that the ornament is worn out and broken in pieces and that the broken pieces have been placed in position with a silk thread and that the jewel thus manipulated is being worn by the deity.

4. The Mahant has also sent a written communication to the Peshkar intima-ting that the ornament is badly in need of repairs and that if it is not repaired earl the repairs will be done at the cost of the temple when the jewel will cease to be the property of the Mysore Government.

5. I beg to propose that the Karam may be repaired in a substantial manner as set forth in the estimate for Rs.5504/- received from the Peshkar and submitted herewith. Such substantial repairs are absolutely necessary.

6. On account of the abnormal rise in the cost of food grains the Mysore Charities at Tirupati are working with minus balance and it is not therefore -

possible to find any portion of the estimated cost from the funds of the charities.

7. In view of the importance and urgency of the work, I beg to recommend that the estimate for Rs. 3804/- submitted by the Peshkar may be sanctioned the cost being met as follows:--

(1) Rs. 1000 from the funds of Sri Venkataramanaswami temple at Chicka Tirupati Malur Taluk.

Rs. 1000 from Sri Venkataramanaswami temple at Gittahalli, Towringpet Taluk.

Rs. 1000 Sri Venkataramana swami temple at Devarayagudipalli, Bagepalli Taluk.

Rs. 804-0-0 Sri Venkataramanaswami temple Talakayalakanda, Sidlaghatta Taluk.

These are all temples of Venkataramanaswami, the same as the deity at the temple at Tirupati and the cost of repairing the ornament which these institutions can afford to spare, may well be charged to them. There will be greater propriety in charging the expenditure to these institutions than to those which are not even so much allied to the temple at - - Tirupati.

Muzrai Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF THE VICHARANAKARTHA,
TIRUMALAI, TIRUPATI, &c.,
DEVASTHANAMS.

*Tirupati, Dated* 18th March *191* 20

ENCLOSURES

FROM

M, R. Ry. SRI MAHANT PRAYAGA DOSSJI VARU
OF SRI HATHIRAMJI MUTT & VICHARANAKARTHA
OF TIRUMALAI, TIRUPATI, &c., DEVASTHANAMS,
TIRUPATI.

To

THE Peshkar,
H.H.Mysore Maharajah's Charities,
Tirupati.

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that the Lakshmi Haram which is being adorned by the Moolavar Sri Venkateswaraswami Varu (almost always) is not in a good condition and is badly in need of repairs. I have per also personally spoken to you on the subject. You know that this Haram cannot be taken out of the Samarpana except for a short time in the day and hence it can't be sent out of the place for repairs. If the Haram is kept in this condition any longer, and if the repairs needed are not made early, I believe it would be in a position not fit for samarpana in the near future and as this is one of the jewels of Sada Samarpana, I have to bring to your

kind notice that the Devasthanam would be driven to the necessity of getting it repaired out of its own funds when it will cease to be no longer the charity of the Mysore state.

In conclusion, I have the honour to request you to be good enough to see that this jewel is repaired as earl as practicable.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Amooldar. 19.8.20.

20.8.1920.

Explanatory Memo accompanying the estimate for repairing the "Lakshmi Haram" of Sree Venkatramanaswamy at Tirupati

1. The "Lakshmi Haram" (లక్ష్మీ హారం) consists of 108 solid golden coin like discs having the image of Sree Lakshmi carved therein. The size of each coin is about an inch in diameter and weighs nearly 1½ tolas; The whole "Haram" weighing 158 13/16 tolas according to the temple accounts.

This Haram is adorned to the deity always from time immemorial, being presented by the glorious ancestor of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore some centuries ago. The exact date of presentation is not traceable.

There is also some auspicious tradition attached to the constant use of this particular "Haram" that no worship of any kind to be offered to the Moola Stanam (మూలస్థానం)

absence of this 'Haram' on the person of the deity. In practice even to this day this is observed more prominently on important occasions such as Gandotsavam (ගඳ උත්සවය) days during Brahmo-tsavam when this 'Haram' is removed from (ඡායාරූප කාමරය) and is taken in procession accompanied by all the paraphernalia of the temple and then adorned to the (එම කාමරය) with great respect and reverence; even though there are in stock many costly jewels decked with the choicest precious stones. On this Occassion no body is allowed to worship 'ඡායා රූප' until this Haram is again brought back and adorned as before.

Such a "Haram" of great importance happens to be the presentation of the respected ancestors of our exhalted Highness.

It is now worn out and is broken in pieces and the archaks are often temporarily keeping the broken links together with Silk-thread and wear the "Haram" to the deity.

The coins in the Haram are attached one to the other by means of hinge-like golden hooks which are in most places worn out by constant use from remote times. These hooks have in many places given way owing to the heavy weight of the "Haram"

On many previous occassions temporary repairs are made to these hooks with no good result.

It is now proposed to repair the Haram "Substantially". It may be kindly observed (in the accompanying sketch) the newly proposed improvement provides for new strong hooks with a golden flowers of some good design at the face, attached to each coin and these are inserted into a strong newly spun golden thread. About 96 Ninety Six tolas of gold are required for the work. Hence provision has been made in the estimate.

2. The wages of goldsmith includes the preparation of strong golden thread, hooks with flowers of good design and

the carvings of the image of Sree

As the repairing work is to be done inside under direct supervision and as the 'Hanam' cannot be removed to Lower Tirupati on traditional grounds as explained above the wages are a little heavy.

3. Provision has also been made for (సంప్రోక్షణ ఖర్చులు) and other charges after repairs

14.12.69. M. N. Narayana Iyengar
Reshtkar

## ~~For the cost of~~ Repairing the "Lakshmi Haram of Sree Venkataramana Swamy at Tirupati

1919-20

| Items | per | Rate | quantity | Cost | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Purchasing Gold. (Sovereign Carat) | Tola | 26* - - | 96 | 2496 - - | * the present market rate. |
| Wages of Goldsmith | | | | | |
| For spinning a strong golden thread for inserting the coins - | R. ft | 4 - - | 10 | 40 - - | |
| Preparing strong hooks with flowers of good design at the face for insertion in the golden thread - | Each | 2* - - | 216 | 432 - - | * One full day labour for a good workman and an assistant. |
| Retouching the image of Lakshmi (శ్రీ (శ్రీ శ్రీ) (Good workmanship) | Each | 5* - - | 108 | 540 - - | * Two days labour for the best workman and an assistant. |
| Replacing the green precious stone pendant with an artistic flower over the crown and also a clip at the top. | L.S. | - - - | - | 16 - - | |
| Samprokshna charges after the jewel is repaired | L.S. | - - - | - | 100 - - | |
| Total | - | - - - | - | 3624 - - | |
| Contingencies for other unforseen expenditure - | - | - - - | - | 180 - - | |
| | | | | 3804 - - | |

Rupees three thousand eight hundred and four

M. N. Narayana Iyengar.
Peshkar.

16. 12. 19.

The problem
humble beginning
one corn by the river
one worm on it
many people
Keep eyes
Grown and
Please

Room temp = 25°C

Mr Nancy



The list

Name it 108 corn but not
counted

The Lakshmi
Havan as it
is at Present

GENERAL MUZRAI FUND.

| Nature of Investment. | Amount invested. | | | Amount of interest ~~(half yearly)~~ Half years. | | | Dates on which ~~Bankers~~ Board of ~~Trustees~~ for payment of interest |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. | |
| Government of India 3½% loan of 1842-43. | 12,100 | 0 | 0 | 211 | 12 | 0 | 1-2-20 |
| " " " 1865 | 2,68,000 | 0 | 0 | 4,678 | 5 | 2 | 30-4-20 |
| " " " 1896-97 | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 12 | 0 | 30-6-20 |
| " " 5½% Conversion Loan.of 1919-20. | 78,000 | 0 | 0 | 2,139 | 10 | 2 | 1-4-20 |
| " " 3½% loan of 1854-55. | 30,200 | 0 | 0 | 528 | 8 | 0 | 30-6-20 |
| " " " " 1900-01. | 15,000 | 0 | 0 | 261 | 15 | 6 | 30-6-20 |
| " " " " 1879. | 7,200 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 8 | 0 | 16-1-20 |
| | 4,13,100 | 0 | 0 | 7,986 | 4 | 10 | |
| Cash endowment under Rules for Charitable endowments. | 81,600 | 0 | 0 | 2,040 | 0 | 0 | ±1-10-19 |

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Audited 3/8/20

Bangalore
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M. N. Narayana Iyengar
Reshkar

Proceedings of the Government of H. H.
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:

Note No.R.C.295 dated 10th April 1920, from the Muzrai Superintendent in Mysore, --- submitting for sanction an estimate for ---- Rs.3,171/- for the repairs of the "Sri ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ Lakshmi Haram" presented to the Sri Venkataramanaswami Temple at Tirupati, North Arcot District.

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Order No. ~~634 to~~ 654-6/ -2
Dated Bangalore, the 19th August 1920.

The Sri Lakshmi Haram in question is a valuable jewel presented to the temple by the Sovereign of Mysore, in the eighteenth century and is held in such great sanctity that no puja is performed to the deity except when it is on its person.

The Superintendent now reports that the Haram has become worn and broken, the pieces being held in position by a silk thread, and that it is very necessary to repair it immediately. He has submitted for the sanction of Government an estimate for Rs.3,171/- for the repairs of the said jewel.

[illegible] covering [illegible] sanctioning the repairs [illegible] and [illegible] sanction [illegible] estimate for [illegible] Rs.3,174/-, the charge being met from the interest which has accrued on the Central Muzrai Fund [illegible] the end of June [illegible]

June 1920.

14/8/20

Secretary to Government,

Muzrai department.

18/8/20

Rec'd 17.8.20

To

The Muzrai superintendent in Mysore,

with the sanctioned estimate.

The Comptroller to Government.

The Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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HRR.